

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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First Named Inventor	:	Alemi et al.		
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Commissioner for Patents  
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**AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION**

Dear Examiner:

In response to the Office Action ("OA") dated July 9, 2008, herewith is a submission of Applicants' Amendment and Request for Continued Examination. The OA has a shortened statutory period of three months for response that expired on October 9, 2008 and a one-month extension that expires on November 9, 2008.

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